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SUBJ: MEETING WITH FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 3383 (NOTAL) B)

STATE 210056;

C) LUSAKA 1971

1. AFTER AT LEAST A HALF DOZEN EFFORTS, MUST REPORT FAILURE
IN ATTEMPTING MEET WITH MACHEL AS PROPOSED IN REF A.

2. EFFORTS HAVE INCLUDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH
FELISBERTO LUKANGA AND SEVERAL UNPLANNED CONVERSATIONS WITH
MARCELINO DOS SAPTOS ON SOCIAL OCCASIONS.

3. PENULTIMATE EXERCISE WAS PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN
LUKANGA AND DCM IN WHICH LUKANGA STATED HE HOPED "THAT A
MEETING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THIS WEEK." THAT CONVERSATION
WAS HELD TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER. DCM REPORTS THAT CONVERSATION
WAS CORDIAL BUT HE FELT THERE WAS SOME SORT OF HITCH
CAUSING A DELAY. DCM NOT SURE HOW SERIOUS "HITCH" IS OR
WHETHER IT WOULD BE OVERCOME.

4. IN CHANCE MEETING WITH DOS SAPTOS ON SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER,
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I AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH MACHEL, AND DOS SANTOS REPLIED HE AWARE OF SITUATION AND HOPED MEETING WOULD BE POSSIBLE BUT MACHEL UNDER GREAT STRAIN TO KEEP MANY COMMITMENTS. DOS SANTOS DID NOT SEEM HOSTILE, BUT THE MEETING HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE AND MACHEL OF COURSE DEPARTED FOR LUSAKA MONDAY A.M., 21 OCTOBER.

5. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT IF MACHEL/EASUM MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN LUSAKA, IT WILL DEPEND ON MWAANGA'S EFFORTS (REF B, PARA 5) OR KATIKAZA (REF C, PARA 4).

6. COMMENT: WHILE CLEARLY SOME DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE ACCESS TO FRELIMO HERE (SWEDEN, FINLAND, INDIA), WE HAVE NOT YET MADE THE GRADE. THIS COULD BE BECAUSE OF VERY REAL FULL SCHEDULE WHICH MACHEL EXPERIENCING -- OR AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR WHICH YET TO BE IDENTIFIED. END COMMENT.
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